

Amendments to Drawings

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1. In Figure 1, the element previously mislabeled as element 33 has been correctly labeled as element 32 to agree with Applicants' specification at page 3, line 30.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 14-17, 19-27, 29-38, and 41-44 were pending and were rejected. Claims 8-10, 13, 18, 28, 39, and 40 were pending and were objected to. Claims 1-44 remain active in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks and the attached inventor declaration.

Response to Rejections

Original claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11, 15-17, 19, 22-27, 29, 32-38, 41, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wynne (U.S. Pat. App. 2003/0016686 A1). Claims 5, 12, 14, 20, 30, 43, and 44 were similarly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wynne in view of Tran (U.S. Pat. App. 2003/0084246 A1). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Wynne and Tran are published U.S. Patent Applications with a publication date after Applicants' filing date, and a filing date of July 18, 2001, prior to Applicants' November 16, 2001, filing date. Wynne and Tran are therefore presented as prior art under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Applicants reduced the claimed invention to practice prior to July 18, 2001, as explained in the attached inventor declaration and Exhibits A-C of that declaration. The reduction to practice occurred in Milpitas, California. Applicants respectfully submit that this showing effectively removes the Wynne and Tran references from consideration as 102(e) prior art, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. Applicants respectfully request that the instant rejections be withdrawn and that the application be allowed to proceed to issuance.

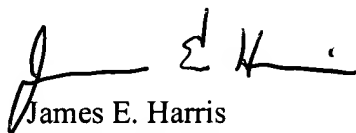
Response to Objections

Claims 8-10, 13, 18, 28, 39, and 40 were pending and were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. For the aforementioned reasons, the base claims from which claims 8-10, 13, 18, 28, 39, and 40 depend are patentable over the art of record. Applicants respectfully request that the instant objections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

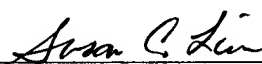
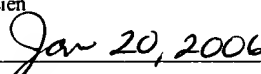
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-44 as presently constituted. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 512.867.8502 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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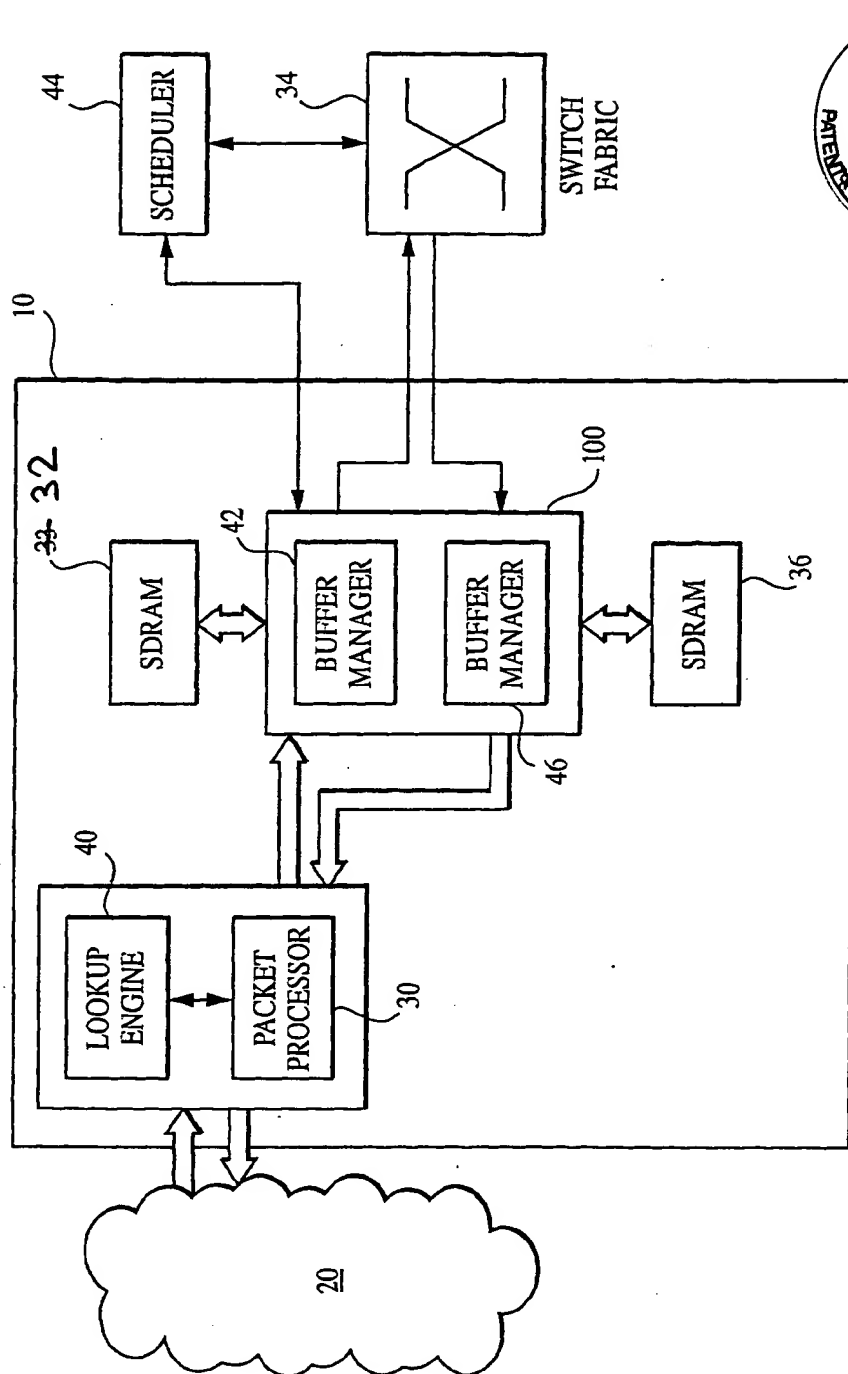


FIG. 1

